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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**
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9 JASON ERIC SONNTAG,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 DENNIS BALAAM, et al.,

13 Defendants.
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3:07-CV-311-RCJ(RAM)

ORDER

15 Before the Court is Plaintiff's Opposition to Report and Recommendation of Magistrate
16 Judge Motion to Strike and Vacate Biased, Conflicted Report (#72) filed on August 24, 2009.
17 This action was referred to U.S. Magistrate Robert A. McQuaid, Jr., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
18 636(b)(1)(B) and LR IB 1-4. The Magistrate Judge submitted his Report and Recommendation
19 (#71) on August 3, 2009, recommending that this Court enter an order granting Defendants'
20 Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Complaint (#64).

21 **I. ANALYSIS**

22 **A. Review of Magistrate Judge's Order**

23 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and LR IB 3-2, a party may file specific written
24 objections to the findings and recommendations of a magistrate judge made pursuant to LR
25 IB 1-4. The district court must make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the

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1 magistrate judge's report to which objection is made and may accept, reject, or modify, in
2 whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge. LR IB 3-2(b).
3 *De novo* review means the court must consider the matter anew, the same as if it had not
4 been heard before and as if no decision previously had been rendered. Ness v.
5 Commissioner, 954 F.2d 1495, 1497 (9th Cir. 1992). Thus, although the district court need
6 not hold a *de novo* hearing, the court's obligation is to arrive at its own independent conclusion
7 about those portions of the magistrate judge's findings or recommendation to which objections
8 are made. United States v. Remsing, 874 F.2d 614, 617 (9th Cir. 1989).

9 After conducting a *de novo* review of the record, the Court accepts and adopts the
10 Magistrate Judge's Minutes of the Court (#71).

11 III. CONCLUSION

12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the court ACCEPTS and ADOPTS in whole the Report
13 and Recommendation of U.S. Magistrate Judge (#71), and Plaintiff's Opposition to Report and
14 Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Motion to Strike and Vacate Biased, Conflicted Report
15 (#72) is DENIED.

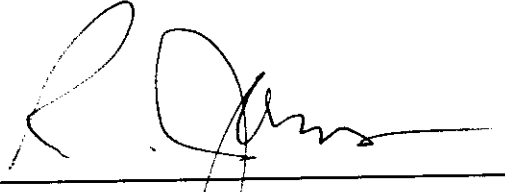
16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (#64) is GRANTED as
17 follows:

18 1. Counts I and II of the Second Amended Complaint (#42) are DISMISSED with
19 prejudice and Count III with leave to amend.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file a Third Amended Complaint stating
21 only Count III in a manner identical to the previously filed Complaint (#14) within thirty (30)
22 days from entry of this Order. The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment accordingly.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 DATED: This 23 day of October, 2009.

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27 Robert C. Jones
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE